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General Assembly

Seventieth session

15:00 — 89th plenary meeting [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade [item 118]

09:00 to *11:00* — [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Co-Facilitators of the preparatory process for the Midterm Review will hold consultations with stakeholders. For more information, please *click here*.

11:00 to 13:00 — [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 — [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 70/216, the General Assembly will hold a preparatory meeting of experts for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016, 18 March 2016 and 23 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information, please *click here*.

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Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
First session

10:00 to 13:00 — 3rd meeting — Conference Room 1
Overflow room: Conference Room 12

General statements [item 6] *(continued)*

Development of substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [item 7]

Consideration of the scope of an international legally binding instrument and its relationship with other instruments

Consideration of the guiding approaches and principles of an international legally binding instrument

15:00 to 18:00 — 4th meeting — Conference Room 1
Overflow room: Conference Room 12

Development of substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [item 7] *(continued)*

Consideration of marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits

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The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament
First substantive session

10:00 to 13:00 — 4th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 4

15:00 to 18:00 — 5th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 4

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development
2. Executive meeting

Security Council

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida, and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities

Briefings

10:00 Conference Room 7

The Chair of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, His Excellency Gerard van Bohemen (New Zealand), and the Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, Mr. Hans-Jakob Schindler, will hold a briefing for interested Member States.

The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team.

The Chair and the Monitoring Team look forward to having an interactive discussion with Member States, and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives may wish to raise in the question and answer part of the session.

Morning (immediately following the previous briefing) Conference Room 7

The Ombudsperson to the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2016) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, Ms. Catherine Marchi-Uhel, will present open briefing for all Member States, following the briefing by the Chair of the Committee and the Coordinator of the Analytical, Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team.

The Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office. The Ombudsperson will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

Morning (immediately following the previous briefings)

Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Monitoring Team's travel and outreach
2. Oral briefing from the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team pursuant to paragraph 96 of resolution 2253 (2015)
3. Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

On the zero-draft resolution on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair designate, Ms. Oana Rebedea (Romania), and Ms. Iara Beekma Reis (Plurinational State of Bolivia). Subsequent dates and times for informal consultations will be announced in the *Journal*, at a later date.

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The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

10:00 to 12:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room D

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Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

09:00 to 09:45	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room C
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Briefing to Member States on the Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-governmental Organizations (DPI/NGO) (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI))

10:00 to 11:00 Conference Room 2

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Brez, DPI (e-mail brez@un.org).

Town Hall Meeting with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-governmental Organizations (DPI/NGO)

11:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Brez, DPI (e-mail brez@un.org).

Special event on "Raising awareness and building resilience to disasters – experience from Japan" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

12:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Maury Guadalupe, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail maury.guadalupe@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1582).

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (on the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin American and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

Event on "United Nations at seventieth: Accomplishments and challenges" (organized by the Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS/NY))

15:00 to 17:00 [webcast] Conference Room 3

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Linda Saputelli, AFICS/NY (e-mail saputelli@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2943).

Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 8

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) (A/RES/62/122) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Cultural event (organized by the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

18:30 Visitors Lobby

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Omyma David, DPI (e-mail david17@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6320).

Pre

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Thursday, 31 March 2016

15:00 Conference Room 3

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the

President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 1 April 2016

10:00 90th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (to fill a vacancy of Western European and Other States): report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/539/Add.1 (to be issued)) [item 114 (a)]
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/649/Add.1 (to be issued)) [item 132]
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/648/Add.1 (to be issued)) [item 134]
4. Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/800 (to be issued)) [item 139]
5. Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/801 (to be issued)) [item 140]

Friday, 1 April 2016

15:00 Conference Room 3

The Co-Facilitators on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations with stakeholders. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Wednesday, 6 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with operative paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 70/228, the General Assembly will hold an informal interactive hearing with representatives of civil society as part of the preparatory process for the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). The special meeting will comprise of interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, were requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the special meeting (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org by Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited

seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon *today*, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe). The provisional programme for the meeting is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 18 (i) (Economic and environmental questions: cartography) will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 4 April. Requests for inscription on *the list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00, on Friday, 1 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4) to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 5 April. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

For inclusion in the *list of participants* delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council.*

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development. Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For *inclusion in the list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Acting Secretary of the Council, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to *13:00* **Closed meeting** **Conference Room 9**

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 **Conference Room 4**

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 12:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 11

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing to the members of the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking on "The new Protocol on Forced Labour" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact Ms. Irina Velichko, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail iravelichko@gmail.com).

Meeting of the Group of Friends of United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room D

For further information, please contact Mr. Tomas Napolitano, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail tomas.napolitano@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4975).

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Briefing on the use and impact of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the outcome of the CERF Advisory Group meeting in the lead up to the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

15:00 to 16:00 Conference Room 3

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodriguez, OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Opening of the photo exhibition entitled "Mine action is humanitarian action" on the occasion of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 April) (A/RES/60/97) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

18:15 Visitors Lobby

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaori Ozawa, UNMAS (e-mail ozawa@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4798).

Event entitled "How financial inclusion strategies support inclusive growth: The role of country-level diagnostics and data" (organized the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).

Meeting on "Business and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Designing a Business Engagement Architecture at the United Nations" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Denmark and Kenya, and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC))

Thursday, 31 March 2016

08:15 to 09:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rikke Skou Melsen, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail rikkme@um.dk; tel. 1 (917) 698-2531).

Panel discussion on "Combatting forced labour and modern slavery through new legal instruments and partnerships" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Thursday, 31 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

Briefing on "Alliance 8.7: Eradicating forced labour, modern slavery, child labour and human trafficking" (organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Friday, 1 April 2016

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel 1 (212) 697-0150).

Event on "The Science and Business of Marine Genetic Resources" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature to the United Nations (IUCN))

Friday, 1 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Dougherty Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn.org; tel. 1 (212) 346-1163).

High-level event on "Addressing Autism: Strategies for the Global Community in Relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" (on the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, India, Qatar and the Republic of Korea, the United States Mission and Autism Speaks)

Friday, 1 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Andrée Antoun, Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail eventspmun@mofa.gov.qa, tel. 1 (212) 486-9335, ext. 776 or 323).

Briefing on the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit by the Secretary-General (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Monday, 4 April 2016

12:00 to 13:15 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodriguez OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).

Panel discussion on "Management Issues of Marine Genetic Resources: Technical Information and Legal Implications" (organized by the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Monday, 4 April 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).

Briefing on "Migration Data for Humanitarian Response and Development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Moldova and Switzerland, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Tuesday, 5 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kate Gough, IOM (e-mail kgough@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 263). To register, please send an e-mail to rsvpnewyork@iom.int.

Meeting of the United Nations Group of Friends of Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation and Security Governance (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 6 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact Ms. Shirley Flores, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail shirley.flores@nypm.org; tel. 1 (347) 458-6645).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" can contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 70/32, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/19-2016/D&D dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/44, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/15-2016/CAC dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/46, para. 16, entitled "Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/20-2016/IED dated 8 February 2016 refers); and

Resolution 69/57, paras. 2 and 8, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/16-2016/AADU dated 8 February 2016 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (please *click here*), by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, the information relevant to Resolution 70/21, paras. 1 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/17-2017/OIMM dated 8 February 2016 refers).

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116.

The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Ninth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *April 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Security Council Documentation

Finding Speeches

Law Library Overview

General Assembly Documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events

on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 24 March 2016

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

[archived video]

15th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century: gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters" **[item 3 (c)]**

The Commission continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.5

The observer of Botswana made a statement, on behalf of the States members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and orally revised the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution, as orally revised, contained no programme budget implications.

Subsequently, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Liberia, Philippines, Thailand and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Sudan (also on behalf of Algeria, Belarus, Libya, the Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Yemen), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Islamic Republic of Iran and Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Australia, Iceland, New Zealand and Norway), as well as the observer of Mauritania.

The observer of the Holy See also made a statement.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Action on draft agreed conclusions on women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development

The Commission adopted the draft agreed conclusions, as contained in an informal paper circulated in the conference room.

After the adoption, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), the Sudan (also on behalf of Libya, the Niger and Nigeria), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Colombia as well as by the observers of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago (also on behalf of Guyana and Nicaragua), Turkey, Canada (also on behalf of Australia, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Mauritania.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of a number of documents submitted under the agenda item.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Commission [item 6]

The Commission began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Commission approved the provisional agenda for its sixty-first session, as contained in document E/CN.6/2016/L.1.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item.

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session [item 7]

The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur (Bosnia and Herzegovina) introduced the draft report of the Commission on its sixtieth session, as contained in document E/CN.6/2016/L.2.

The Commission adopted the draft report on its sixtieth session and agreed to entrust the Secretariat with its finalization in consultation with the Rapporteur.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item.

Closure of the sixtieth session

The Under-Secretary-General for the Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Executive Director of UN-Women delivered closing remarks.

The Chair declared closed the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

[archived video]

1st meeting

The sixty-first session was opened by His Excellency Antonio De Aguiar Patriota (Brazil), Chair of the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Election of officers [item 1]

Election of Chair

The Commission elected His Excellency Antonio De Aguiar Patriota (Brazil) as Chair of the sixty-first session of the Commission, by acclamation.

Election of other members of the Bureau

The Chair recalled that the Commission had elected Ms. Fatmaalzahraa Hassan Abdelaziz Abdelkawy of Egypt, by acclamation, to serve as Vice-Chair of the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions of the Commission at the first meeting of the sixtieth session, on 20 March 2015.

The Commission elected Mr. Jun Saito of Japan (Asia-Pacific States), Ms. Šejla Đurbuzović of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Eastern European States); and Mr. Andreas Glossner of Germany (Western European and other States States) as Vice-Chairs of the Commission at its sixty-first session, by acclamation.

Appointment of 5 members of the Working Group on Communications concerning the Status of Women

The Commission appointed Belarus, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia and Uruguay, to serve as members of the Working Group on Communications at the sixty-first session of the Commission.

In the absence of a nomination by the Western European and other States, the Commission had postponed the election of the remaining member of the Working Group on Communications to a later date, on the understanding that upon the endorsement by the Group, the endorsed member of the Commission would be allowed to participate fully in the proceedings of the Working Group on Communications.

Monday, 28 March 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7658th meeting

Women and peace and security

The role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa

Note verbale dated 7 March 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/219)

The meeting was presided over by Her Excellency Maria Filomena de Fátima Lobão Telo Delgado, Minister for Family and the Promotion of Women of Angola, in her capacity as the President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Namibia, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand and Turkey, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the following briefers .o participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; Mr. Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs; His Excellency Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya and Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission; His Excellency Téte António, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations; and Ms. Paleki Ayang, Executive Director of the South Sudan Women's Empowerment Network.

The President invited Mr. Ionannis Vrailas, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka, Mr. Zerihoun, His Excellency Macharia Kamau, His Excellency Téte António and by Ms. Ayang.

The President made a statement in her capacity as the Minister for Family and the Promotion of Women of Angola.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Uruguay, China, Ukraine, New Zealand, Malaysia, Senegal, Venezuela, Japan, France, the Russian Federation, Spain and Egypt.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, India and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden).

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Vrailas (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries Turkey, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Iceland, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Italy and South Africa.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard a statement by the representatives of Ethiopia, Israel, Poland, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement),

Belgium, Morocco, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Rwanda, Portugal, Turkey, Algeria, Namibia, Thailand, Bangladesh and Indonesia.

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament
First substantive session

2nd meeting

Opening of the session

The Director of the Office for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

Adoption of the programme of work

The Working Group adopted its programme of work, as contained in document A/AC.268/20016/CRP.2.

The Chair made a statement.

General statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned-Movement), Libya (on behalf of the Arab Group), the Russian Federation, Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Egypt, Indonesia, China, Cuba, Brazil, Nigeria, Japan, the United States, Morocco, Pakistan, India, Algeria, Malaysia and South Africa.

The Chair made a concluding statement.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers,* delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services,* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications,* delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription for a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

The *website of the Presidency* of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Information about previously *unscheduled meetings* and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of *prepared statements* which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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